

{36:20} A froward heart causeth heaviness: but a man of experience will recompense him.

{36:21} A woman will receive every man, yet is one daughter better than another.

{36:22} The beauty of a woman cheereth the countenance, and a man loveth nothing better.

{36:23} If there be kindness, meekness, and comfort, in her tongue, then is not her husband like other men.

{36:24} He that getteth a wife beginneth a possession, a help like unto himself, and a pillar of rest.

{36:25} Where no hedge is, there the possession is spoiled: and he that hath no wife will wander up and down mourning.

{36:26} Who will trust a thief well appointed, that skippeth from city to city? so [who will believe] a man that hath no house, and lodgeth wheresoever the night taketh him?

{37:1} Every friend saith, I am his friend also: but there is a friend, which is only a friend in name.

{37:2} Is it not a grief unto death, when a companion and friend is turned to an enemy?

{37:3} O wicked imagination, whence camest thou in to cover the earth with deceit?

{37:4} There is a companion, which rejoiceth in the prosperity of a friend, but in the time of trouble will be against him.

{37:5} There is a companion, which helpeth his friend for the belly, and taketh up the buckler against the enemy.

{37:6} Forget not thy friend in thy mind, and be not unmindful of him in thy riches.

{37:7} Every counsellor extolleth counsel; but there is some that counselleth for himself.

{37:8} Beware of a counsellor, and know before what need he hath; for he will counsel for himself; lest he cast the lot upon thee,

{37:9} And say unto thee, Thy way is good: and afterward he stand on the other side, to see what shall befall thee.

{37:10} Consult not with one that suspecteth thee: and hide thy counsel from such as envy thee.

{37:11} Neither consult with a woman touching her of whom she is jealous; neither with a coward in matters of war; nor with a merchant concerning exchange; nor with a buyer of selling; nor with an envious man of thankfulness; nor with an unmerciful man touching kindness; nor with the slothful for any work; nor with an hireling for a year of finishing work; nor with an idle servant of much business: hearken not unto these in any matter of counsel.

{37:12} But be continually with a godly man, whom thou knowest to keep the commandments of the Lord, whose mind is according to thy mind, and will sorrow with thee, if

thou shalt miscarry.

{37:13} And let the counsel of thine own heart stand: for there is no man more faithful unto thee than it.

{37:14} For a man's mind is sometime wont to tell him more than seven watchmen, that sit above in an high tower.

{37:15} And above all this pray to the most High, that he will direct thy way in truth.

{37:16} Let reason go before every enterprize, and counsel before every action.

{37:17} The countenance is a sign of changing of the heart.

{37:18} Four manner of things appear: good and evil, life and death: but the tongue ruleth over them continually.

{37:19} There is one that is wise and teacheth many, and yet is unprofitable to himself.

{37:20} There is one that sheweth wisdom in words, and is hated: he shall be destitute of all food.

{37:21} For grace is not given, him from the Lord, because he is deprived of all wisdom.

{37:22} Another is wise to himself; and the fruits of understanding are commendable in his mouth.

{37:23} A wise man instructeth his people; and the fruits of his understanding fail not.

{37:24} A wise man shall be filled with blessing; and all they that see him shall count him happy.

{37:25} The days of the life of man may be numbered: but the days of Israel are innumerable.

{37:26} A wise man shall inherit glory among his people, and his name shall be perpetual.

{37:27} My son, prove thy soul in thy life, and see what is evil for it, and give not that unto it.

{37:28} For all things are not profitable for all men, neither hath every soul pleasure in every thing.

{37:29} Be not unsatiable in any dainty thing, nor too greedy upon meats:

{37:30} For excess of meats bringeth sickness, and surfeiting will turn into choler.

{37:31} By surfeiting have many perished; but he that taketh heed prolongeth his life.

{38:1} Honour a physician with the honour due unto him for the uses which ye may have of him: for the Lord hath created him.

{38:2} For of the most High cometh healing, and he shall receive honour of the king.

{38:3} The skill of the physician shall lift up his head: and in the sight of great men he shall be in admiration.

{38:4} The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not abhor them.

{38:5} Was not the water made sweet with wood, that the virtue thereof might be known?

{38:6} And he hath given men skill, that he might be honoured in his marvellous works.

{38:7} With such doth he heal [men,] and taketh away their pains.

{38:8} Of such doth the apothecary make a confection; and of his works there is no end; and from him is peace over all the earth,

{38:9} My son, in thy sickness be not negligent: but pray unto the Lord, and he will make thee whole.

{38:10} Leave off from sin, and order thine hands aright, and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.

{38:11} Give a sweet savour, and a memorial of fine flour; and make a fat offering, as not being.

{38:12} Then give place to the physician, for the Lord hath created him: let him not go from thee, for thou hast need of him.

{38:13} There is a time when in their hands there is good success.

{38:14} For they shall also pray unto the Lord, that he would prosper that, which they give for ease and remedy to prolong life.

{38:15} He that sinneth before his Maker, let him fall into the hand of the physician.

{38:16} My son, let tears fall down over the dead, and begin to lament, as if thou hadst suffered great harm thyself; and then cover his body according to the custom, and neglect not his burial.

{38:17} Weep bitterly, and make great moan, and use lamentation, as he is worthy, and that a day or two, lest thou be evil spoken of: and then comfort thyself for thy heaviness.

{38:18} For of heaviness cometh death, and the heaviness of the heart breaketh strength.

{38:19} In affliction also sorrow remaineth: and the life of the poor is the curse of the heart.

{38:20} Take no heaviness to heart: drive it away, and member the last end.

{38:21} Forget it not, for there is no turning again: thou shalt not do him good, but hurt thyself.

{38:22} Remember my judgment: for thine also shall be so; yesterday for me, and to day for thee.

{38:23} When the dead is at rest, let his remembrance rest; and be comforted for him, when his Spirit is departed from him.

{38:24} The wisdom of a learned man cometh by

opportunity of leisure: and he that hath little business shall become wise.

{38:25} How can he get wisdom that holdeth the plough, and that glorieth in the goad, that driveth oxen, and is occupied in their labours, and whose talk is of bullocks?

{38:26} He giveth his mind to make furrows; and is diligent to give the kine fodder.

{38:27} So every carpenter and workmaster, that laboureth night and day: and they that cut and grave seals, and are diligent to make great variety, and give themselves to counterfeit imagery, and watch to finish a work:

{38:28} The smith also sitting by the anvil, and considering the iron work, the vapour of the fire wasteth his flesh, and he fighteth with the heat of the furnace: the noise of the hammer and the anvil is ever in his ears, and his eyes look still upon the pattern of the thing that he maketh; he setteth his mind to finish his work, and watcheth to polish it perfectly:

{38:29} So doth the potter sitting at his work, and turning the wheel about with his feet, who is alway carefully set at his work, and maketh all his work by number;

{38:30} He fashioneth the clay with his arm, and boweth down his strength before his feet; he applieth himself to lead it over; and he is diligent to make clean the furnace:

{38:31} All these trust to their hands: and every one is wise in his work.

{38:32} Without these cannot a city be inhabited: and they shall not dwell where they will, nor go up and down:

{38:33} They shall not be sought for in publick counsel, nor sit high in the congregation: they shall not sit on the judges' seat, nor understand the sentence of judgment: they cannot declare justice and judgment; and they shall not be found where parables are spoken.

{38:34} But they will maintain the state of the world, and [all] their desire is in the work of their craft.

{39:1} But he that giveth his mind to the law of the most High, and is occupied in the meditation thereof, will seek out the wisdom of all the ancient, and be occupied in prophecies.

{39:2} He will keep the sayings of the renowned men: and where subtil parables are, he will be there also.

{39:3} He will seek out the secrets of grave sentences, and be conversant in dark parables.

{39:4} He shall serve among great men, and appear before princes: he will travel through strange countries; for he hath tried the good and the evil among men.

{39:5} He will give his heart to resort early to the Lord that made him, and will pray before the most High, and will open his mouth in prayer, and make supplication for his sins.

{39:6} When the great Lord will, he shall be filled with the spirit of understanding: he shall pour out wise sentences, and give thanks unto the Lord in his prayer.

{39:7} He shall direct his counsel and knowledge, and in his secrets shall he meditate.

{39:8} He shall shew forth that which he hath learned, and shall glory in the law of the covenant of the Lord.

{39:9} Many shall commend his understanding; and so long as the world endureth, it shall not be blotted out; his memorial shall not depart away, and his name shall live from generation to generation.

{39:10} Nations shall shew forth his wisdom, and the congregation shall declare his praise.

{39:11} If he die, he shall leave a greater name than a thousand: and if he live, he shall increase it.

{39:12} Yet have I more to say, which I have thought upon; for I am filled as the moon at the full.

{39:13} Harken unto me, ye holy children, and bud forth as a rose growing by the brook of the field:

{39:14} And give ye a sweet savour as frankincense, and flourish as a lily, send forth a smell, and sing a song of praise, bless the Lord in all his works.

{39:15} Magnify his name, and shew forth his praise with the songs of your lips, and with harps, and in praising him ye shall say after this manner:

{39:16} All the works of the Lord are exceeding good, and whatsoever he commandeth shall be accomplished in due season.

{39:17} And none may say, What is this? wherefore is that? for at time convenient they shall all be sought out: at his commandment the waters stood as an heap, and at the words of his mouth the receptacles of waters.

{39:18} At his commandment is done whatsoever pleaseth him; and none can hinder, when he will save.

{39:19} The works of all flesh are before him, and nothing can be hid from his eyes.

{39:20} He seeth from everlasting to everlasting; and there is nothing wonderful before him.

{39:21} A man need not to say, What is this? wherefore is that? for he hath made all things for their uses.

{39:22} His blessing covered the dry land as a river, and watered it as a flood.

{39:23} As he hath turned the waters into saltness: so shall the heathen inherit his wrath.

{39:24} As his ways are plain unto the holy; so are they stumblingblocks unto the wicked.

{39:25} For the good are good things created from the beginning: so evil things for sinners.

{39:26} The principal things for the whole use of man's life are water, fire, iron, and salt, flour of wheat, honey, milk, and the blood of the grape, and oil, and clothing.

{39:27} All these things are for good to the godly: so to

the sinners they are turned into evil.

{39:28} There be spirits that are created for vengeance, which in their fury lay on sore strokes; in the time of destruction they pour out their force, and appease the wrath of him that made them.

{39:29} Fire, and hail, and famine, and death, all these were created for vengeance;

{39:30} Teeth of wild beasts, and scorpions, serpents, and the sword punishing the wicked to destruction.

{39:31} They shall rejoice in his commandment, and they shall be ready upon earth, when need is; and when their time is come, they shall not transgress his word.

{39:32} Therefore from the beginning I was resolved, and thought upon these things, and have left them in writing.

{39:33} All the works of the Lord are good: and he will give every needful thing in due season.

{39:34} So that a man cannot say, This is worse than that: for in time they shall all be well approved.

{39:35} And therefore praise ye the Lord with the whole heart and mouth, and bless the name of the Lord.

{40:1} Great travail is created for every man, and an heavy yoke is upon the sons of Adam, from the day that they go out of their mother's womb, till the day that they return to the mother of all things.

{40:2} Their imagination of things to come, and the day of death, [trouble] their thoughts, and [cause] fear of heart;

{40:3} From him that sitteth on a throne of glory, unto him that is humbled in earth and ashes;

{40:4} From him that weareth purple and a crown, unto him that is clothed with a linen frock.

{40:5} Wrath, and envy, trouble, and unquietness, fear of death, and anger, and strife, and in the time of rest upon his bed his night sleep, do change his knowledge.

{40:6} A little or nothing is his rest, and afterward he is in his sleep, as in a day of keeping watch, troubled in the vision of his heart, as if he were escaped out of a battle.

{40:7} When all is safe, he awaketh, and marvelleth that the fear was nothing.

{40:8} [Such things happen] unto all flesh, both man and beast, and that is sevenfold more upon sinners.

{40:9} Death, and bloodshed, strife, and sword, calamities, famine, tribulation, and the scourge;

{40:10} These things are created for the wicked, and for their sakes came the flood.

{40:11} All things that are of the earth shall turn to the earth again: and that which is of the waters doth return into the sea.

{40:12} All bribery and injustice shall be blotted out: but true dealing shall endure for ever.

{40:13} The goods of the unjust shall be dried up like a river, and shall vanish with noise, like a great thunder in rain.

{40:14} While he openeth his hand he shall rejoice: so shall transgressors come to nought.

{40:15} The children of the ungodly shall not bring forth many branches: but are as unclean roots upon a hard rock.

{40:16} The weed growing upon every water and bank of a river shall be pulled up before all grass.

{40:17} Bountifulness is as a most fruitful garden, and mercifulness endureth for ever.

{40:18} To labour, and to be content with that a man hath, is a sweet life: but he that findeth a treasure is above them both.

{40:19} Children and the building of a city continue a man's name: but a blameless wife is counted above them both.

{40:20} Wine and musick rejoice the heart: but the love of wisdom is above them both.

{40:21} The pipe and the psaltery make sweet melody: but a pleasant tongue is above them both.

{40:22} Thine eye desireth favour and beauty: but more than both corn while it is green.

{40:23} A friend and companion never meet amiss: but above both is a wife with her husband.

{40:24} Brethren and help are against time of trouble: but alms shall deliver more than them both.

{40:25} Gold and silver make the foot stand sure: but counsel is esteemed above them both.

{40:26} Riches and strength lift up the heart: but the fear of the Lord is above them both: there is no want in the fear of the Lord, and it needeth not to seek help.

{40:27} The fear of the Lord is a fruitful garden, and covereth him above all glory.

{40:28} My son, lead not a beggar's life; for better it is to die than to beg.

{40:29} The life of him that dependeth on another man's table is not to be counted for a life; for he polluteth himself with other men's meat: but a wise man well nurtured will beware thereof.

{40:30} Begging is sweet in the mouth of the shameless: but in his belly there shall burn a fire.

{41:1} O death, how bitter is the remembrance of thee to a man that liveth at rest in his possessions, unto the man that hath nothing to vex him, and that hath prosperity in all things: yea, unto him that is yet able to receive meat!

{41:2} O death, acceptable is thy sentence unto the needy, and unto him whose strength faileth, that is now in the last age, and is vexed with all things, and to him that despaireth, and hath lost patience!

{41:3} Fear not the sentence of death, remember them that have been before thee, and that come after; for this is the sentence of the Lord over all flesh.

{41:4} And why art thou against the pleasure of the most High? there is no inquisition in the grave, whether thou have lived ten, or an hundred, or a thousand years.

{41:5} The children of sinners are abominable children, and they that are conversant in the dwelling of the ungodly.

{41:6} The inheritance of sinners' children shall perish, and their posterity shall have a perpetual reproach.

{41:7} The children will complain of an ungodly father, because they shall be reproached for his sake.

{41:8} Woe be unto you, ungodly men, which have forsaken the law of the most high God! for if ye increase, it shall be to your destruction:

{41:9} And if ye be born, ye shall be born to a curse: and if ye die, a curse shall be your portion.

{41:10} All that are of the earth shall turn to earth again: so the ungodly shall go from a curse to destruction.

{41:11} The mourning of men is about their bodies: but an ill name of sinners shall be blotted out.

{41:12} Have regard to thy name; for that shall continue with thee above a thousand great treasures of gold.

{41:13} A good life hath but few days: but a good name endureth for ever.

{41:14} My children, keep discipline in peace: for wisdom that is hid, and a treasure that is not seen, what profit is in them both?

{41:15} A man that hideth his foolishness is better than a man that hideth his wisdom.

{41:16} Therefore be shamefaced according to my word: for it is not good to retain all shamefacedness; neither is it altogether approved in every thing.

{41:17} Be ashamed of whoredom before father and mother: and of a lie before a prince and a mighty man;

{41:18} Of an offence before a judge and ruler; of iniquity before a congregation and people; of unjust dealing before thy partner and friend;

{41:19} And of theft in regard of the place where thou sojournest, and in regard of the truth of God and his covenant; and to lean with thine elbow upon the meat; and of scorning to give and take;

{41:20} And of silence before them that salute thee; and to look upon an harlot;

{41:21} And to turn away thy face from thy kinsman; or to take away a portion or a gift; or to gaze upon another man's wife.

{41:22} Or to be overbusy with his maid, and come not near her bed; or of upbraiding speeches before friends; and after thou hast given, upbraid not;

{41:23} Or of iterating and speaking again that which thou hast heard; and of revealing of secrets.

{41:24} So shalt thou be truly shamefaced and find favour before all men.

{42:1} Of these things be not thou ashamed, and accept no person to sin thereby:

{42:2} Of the law of the most High, and his covenant; and of judgment to justify the ungodly;

{42:3} Of reckoning with thy partners and travellers; or of the gift of the heritage of friends;

{42:4} Of exactness of balance and weights; or of getting much or little;

{42:5} And of merchants' indifferent selling; of much correction of children; and to make the side of an evil servant to bleed.

{42:6} Sure keeping is good, where an evil wife is; and shut up, where many hands are.

{42:7} Deliver all things in number and weight; and put all in writing that thou givest out, or receivest in.

{42:8} Be not ashamed to inform the unwise and foolish, and the extreme aged that contendeth with those that are young: thus shalt thou be truly learned, and approved of all men living.

{42:9} The father waketh for the daughter, when no man knoweth; and the care for her taketh away sleep: when she is young, lest she pass away the flower of her age; and being married, lest she should be hated:

{42:10} In her virginity, lest she should be defiled and gotten with child in her father's house; and having an husband, lest she should misbehave herself; and when she is married, lest she should be barren.

{42:11} Keep a sure watch over a shameless daughter, lest she make thee a laughingstock to thine enemies, and a byword in the city, and a reproach among the people, and make thee ashamed before the multitude.

{42:12} Behold not every body's beauty, and sit not in the midst of women.

{42:13} For from garments cometh a moth, and from women wickedness.

{42:14} Better is the churlishness of a man than a courteous woman, a woman, I say, which bringeth shame and reproach.

{42:15} I will now remember the works of the Lord, and declare the things that I have seen: In the words of the Lord are his works.

{42:16} The sun that giveth light looketh upon all things, and the work thereof is full of the glory of the Lord.

{42:17} The Lord hath not given power to the saints to declare all his marvellous works, which the Almighty Lord firmly settled, that whatsoever is might be established for his glory.

{42:18} He seeketh out the deep, and the heart, and considereth their crafty devices: for the Lord knoweth all that may be known, and he beholdeth the signs of the world.

{42:19} He declareth the things that are past, and for to come, and revealeth the steps of hidden things.

{42:20} No thought escapeth him, neither any word is hidden from him.

{42:21} He hath garnished the excellent works of his wisdom, and he is from everlasting to everlasting: unto him may nothing be added, neither can he be diminished, and he hath no need of any counsellor.

{42:22} Oh how desirable are all his works! and that a man may see even to a spark.

{42:23} All these things live and remain for ever for all uses, and they are all obedient.

{42:24} All things are double one against another: and he hath made nothing imperfect.

{42:25} One thing establisheth the good or another: and who shall be filled with beholding his glory?

{43:1} The pride of the height, the clear firmament, the beauty of heaven, with his glorious shew;

{43:2} The sun when it appeareth, declaring at his rising a marvellous instrument, the work of the most High:

{43:3} At noon it parcheth the country, and who can abide the burning heat thereof?

{43:4} A man blowing a furnace is in works of heat, but the sun burneth the mountains three times more; breathing out fiery vapours, and sending forth bright beams, it dimmeth the eyes.

{43:5} Great is the Lord that made it; and at his commandment runneth hastily.

{43:6} He made the moon also to serve in her season for a declaration of times, and a sign of the world.

{43:7} From the moon is the sign of feasts, a light that decreaseth in her perfection.

{43:8} The month is called after her name, increasing wonderfully in her changing, being an instrument of the armies above, shining in the firmament of heaven;

{43:9} The beauty of heaven, the glory of the stars, an ornament giving light in the highest places of the Lord.

{43:10} At the commandment of the Holy One they will stand in their order, and never faint in their watches.

{43:11} Look upon the rainbow, and praise him that made it; very beautiful it is in the brightness thereof.

{43:12} It compasseth the heaven about with a glorious circle, and the hands of the most High have bended it.

{43:13} By his commandment he maketh the snow to fall apace, and sendeth swiftly the lightnings of his judgment.

{43:14} Through this the treasures are opened: and clouds fly forth as fowls.

{43:15} By his great power he maketh the clouds firm, and the hailstones are broken small.

{43:16} At his sight the mountains are shaken, and at his will the south wind bloweth.

{43:17} The noise of the thunder maketh the earth to tremble: so doth the northern storm and the whirlwind: as birds flying he scattereth the snow, and the falling down thereof is as the lighting of grasshoppers:

{43:18} The eye marvelleth at the beauty of the whiteness thereof, and the heart is astonished at the raining of it.

{43:19} The hoarfrost also as salt he poureth on the earth, and being congealed, it lieth on the top of sharp stakes.

{43:20} When the cold north wind bloweth, and the water is congealed into ice, it abideth upon every gathering together of water, and clotheth the water as with a breastplate.

{43:21} It devoureth the mountains, and burneth the wilderness, and consumeth the grass as fire.

{43:22} A present remedy of all is a mist coming speedily, a dew coming after heat refresheth.

{43:23} By his counsel he appeaseth the deep, and planteth islands therein.

{43:24} They that sail on the sea tell of the danger thereof; and when we hear it with our ears, we marvel thereat.

{43:25} For therein be strange and wondrous works, variety of all kinds of beasts and whales created.

{43:26} By him the end of them hath prosperous success, and by his word all things consist.

{43:27} We may speak much, and yet come short: wherefore in sum, he is all.

{43:28} How shall we be able to magnify him? for he is great above all his works.

{43:29} The Lord is terrible and very great, and marvellous is his power.

{43:30} When ye glorify the Lord, exalt him as much as ye can; for even yet will he far exceed: and when ye exalt him, put forth all your strength, and be not weary; for ye can never go far enough.

{43:31} Who hath seen him, that he might tell us? and who can magnify him as he is?

{43:32} There are yet hid greater things than these be, for we have seen but a few of his works.

{43:33} For the Lord hath made all things; and to the godly hath he given wisdom.

{44:1} Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us.

{44:2} The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his great power from the beginning.

{44:3} Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and declaring prophecies:

{44:4} Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent are their instructions:

{44:5} Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing:

{44:6} Rich men furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations:

{44:7} All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times.

{44:8} There be of them, that have left a name behind them, that their praises might be reported.

{44:9} And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been; and are become as though they had never been born; and their children after them.

{44:10} But these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten.

{44:11} With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant.

{44:12} Their seed standeth fast, and their children for their sakes.

{44:13} Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out.

{44:14} Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

{44:15} The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

{44:16} Enoch pleased the Lord, and was translated, being an example of repentance to all generations.

{44:17} Noah was found perfect and righteous; in the time of wrath he was taken in exchange [for the world;] therefore was he left as a remnant unto the earth, when the flood came.

{44:18} An everlasting covenant was made with him, that all flesh should perish no more by the flood.

{44:19} Abraham was a great father of many people: in glory was there none like unto him;

{44:20} Who kept the law of the most High, and was in covenant with him: he established the covenant in his flesh; and when he was proved, he was found faithful.

{44:21} Therefore he assured him by an oath, that he would bless the nations in his seed, and that he would multiply him as the dust of the earth, and exalt his seed as the stars, and cause them to inherit from sea to sea, and from the river unto the utmost part of the land.